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1. AT REQUEST OF MR. YU PENG, THE DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS, ROC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE COUNSELOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND ACTING CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION, CALLED UPON DIRECTOR YU ON 12 SEPT. 1977. AMOV THE TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WAS HIS RESPONSE TO THE POINTS RAISED DURING 17 AUGUST MEETING DESCRIBED IN REFTEL.

2. DIRECTOR YU EXPLAINED THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THE INFORMATION THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES ON AUGUST 11 MADE A DETERMINATION TO PAROLE INTO THE U.S. 15,000 INDOCHINESE, INCLUDING 7,000 BOAT CASE REFUGEES AND THAT OF THE 59 REFUGEES WHO LANDED ON THE SMALL ROC ISLAND OF LIU CHIU, THOSE QUALIFYING FOR ENTRY TO THE U.S. ARE EXPECTED TO BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN THE 7,000 BOAT CASE REFUGEES. A RENEWED REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO EXTEND HOSPITALITY TO BOAT CASE REFUGEES.

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3. THE MINISTRY WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT RELIEF EFFORTS MADE BY THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

4. DIRECTOR YU SAID THAT THE MINISTRY WISHED TO POINT OUT THAT DESPITE LIMITED RESOURCES, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HAD DONE ITS UTMOST TO EXTEND HOSPITALITY TO INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS GIVEN HAVEN TO OVER 4,500 REFUGEES AFTER THE FALL OF VIETNAM. SINCE LAST YEAR, AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN GRANTED TO AN ADDITIONAL 2,500 REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA TO BE RESETTLED IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, OF WHICH 885 HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED IN TAIWAN. NEARLY ALL OF THESE 7,000 ARE ETHNICALLY CHINESE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO POLITICAL COUNSELOR'S QUESTION, THE DIRECTOR STATED THAT THE GROC WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE FUTURE.

6. IN THAT CONNECTION, THE DIRECTOR INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT A SMALL BOAT CONTAINING THREE REFUGEES HAD LANDED RECENTLY IN THE SOUTH OF TAIWAN AND WOULD BE ACCOMMODATED WITH OTHER BOAT CASE REFUGEES. AS THE REFUGEES APPARENTLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RESETTLING IN THE UNITED STATES, CONOFF PROMISED TO WORK THROUGH THE FREE CHINA RELIEF ASSOCIATION (THE ORGANIZATION TO WHICH THE GROC HAS ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY OF PROVIDING FOR THE WELFARE OF ALL SOUTH EAST ASIAN REFUGEES WHO ARRIVE IN TAIWAN) IN ASCERTAINING WHETHER ANY OR ALL OF THE THREE QUALIFY FOR THE IPP-77.

7. THE LANDING OF THIS SMALL BOAT PUTS THE TOTAL OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDOCHINESE "BOAT CASE" REFUGEES ON TAIWAN AT SIXTY-ONE. SULLIVAN

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